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REMARKS


The Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between claims 1, 3-16, 24, 26, and 30-33 (Group I) and claims 17-21, 23, and 28-29 (Group II). Applicants hereby elect without traverse claims 1, 3-16, 24, 26, and 30-33 (Group I) for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 17-21, 23, and 28-29 (Group II) have been canceled without prejudice.

The Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned if the Examiner believes such would facilitate prosecution of the present application. The undersigned is available for telephone consultation at any time during normal business hours (Pacific Time Zone).

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